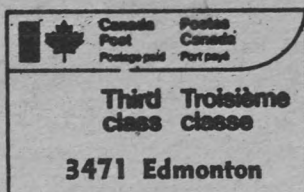


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Annual Shareholders' Meeting

SCANDAPADES 20th ANNIVERSARY

By Sig Sorenson

This year is the 20th anniversary of Scandapades. On March 20, 1954, the first Scandapades show was staged at the South Side Legion. The outstanding scene, as I recall it, was a skit by some Scandinavian newcomers, who were building the new Scandinavian Centre on stage. Ten years later, the actual building of the Centre was going on at 14220 - 125 Ave. in Edmonton, and the Centre was subsequently officially opened on June 20, 1964.

On the 100th birthday of our province in 1955, the Government of Alberta presented to the people of Alberta two very fine theatres—The Northern and Southern Jubilee Auditoriums—in Edmonton and Calgary. Scandapades then moved into the beautiful new Auditorium where it has been staged in January or February of each year with the exception of the year 1973.

Many, many hundreds of people have participated on a voluntary

basis over the past 20 years to make these shows possible.

I recall that the 1963 production was taken to Sedgewick, Alta., where over 500 people enjoyed the show. Who knows, the Scandapades shows of the future may take to the road and run competition to the famous Ice Capades?

The Scandapades production is the major attraction at the annual Scandinavian Night. The other attractions have principally been: Ethnic and Commercial Displays,

Scandinavian Food Fare and Scandinavian Dancing.

The annual All-Scandinavian show has a great future if local talent takes advantage of the opportunities they have. All talent, bands, orchestras, drama groups, etc., may rehearse at the Scandinavian Centre at no cost to themselves. All they have to do is to make arrangements with the manager of the Centre by phoning 455-4355. Then they have the advantage of the coaching of outstanding directors like the director of Scandapades '74, Mr. Jack McCreath, drama supervisor, the Cultural Development Branch, Government of Alberta.

All this in addition, a provincial government dedicated to the development of talented people through the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation. What more could we ask? Will Edmonton be the Cultural Centre of the West? □

EDGAR BERGEN ARRIVES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FEBRUARY 8

In a recent communication, Edgar Bergen says, "Looking forward to meeting fellow Scandinavians in Edmonton." Yes, and the Edmonton community is looking forward to his hilarious comedy as he entertains for 40 minutes at Scandapades on Feb. 9.

The curtain will rise at 8:00 p.m. for "Stars of Scandinavia", and the rhythmic lilt of Scandinavian music at its best.

Top performers from Alberta will complement the world-renowned ventriloquist, Bergen. On stage will appear professionals from Edmonton, Fort McMurray, St. Paul, Drayton Valley, Hanna and as far away as Penticton, B.C.

Authentic costumes direct from Scandinavia will be seen. The Danish and Swedish are bringing acts from Scandinavia never seen on an Edmonton stage before. You will see and hear played a unique instrument imported from Norway never seen by Canadians before. This and much more awaits you at Scandapades '74. □



Election of Officers for Board of Directors

The Annual Shareholders' Meeting and election of officers for the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre will be held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre on Tues., Feb. 19.

There are only two directors officially to be replaced for a 3-year period because the terms of Barney Thorlakson and Herb Vigfusson have expired.

There is a possibility that another director will have to be elected as one director, Ole Knudsen, has intimated he will resign but, as yet, has not officially tendered his resignation to the present board. If so, the new director elected will only have a one-year term.

The Nominating Committee consists of:

Leif Oddson — CHAIRMAN —
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Holger Larson — Danish —
474-3580
Linnea Lodge — Swedish —
455-8066
Ragnar Sivertsen — Norwegian —
422-5990
John Sahuri — Finnish — 489-7515

The Nominating Committee requests your participation in finding suitable candidates for the board. Do you know anyone whom you feel has the needed desire and background to do a good job? If so, contact anyone of the above committee members and place the names with them. So far the committee has come up with no one.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Registration — 7:30-8:00 p.m.
- Reading of minutes of last annual meeting
- Directors' report
- Auditor's report
- Business arising out of minutes and reports
- New business
- Election of directors
- Election of auditor and nominating committee
- Coffee and cakes

One director and past president put it quite well concerning the directors' duties when he said:

"The job as Director of the Board is not be looked upon as an honorary position only—there are certain responsibilities connected with the position.

"A Director is elected by the shareholders to function in the interests of the shareholders (to the best for the Centre) to take

care of the shareholders' investments to the best of his capabilities.

"And believe you me, there is a job to be done by a director in office.

"The Director in charge of Centre Operations acts as a liaison between the Board and the Manager of the Centre. The Director for Centre Operations (not the entire Board) is the Manager's boss.

"His job is to bring reports of the entire operations of the Centre to the monthly meeting, discuss it with the Board and instruct the Manager. However, the Manager must have some priority to handle the situation at his judgement (to the best for the Centre) and not have to wait for approval at the monthly meeting, as business could be lost in the meantime.

"The Director in charge of Charter Flights comes between the Board and the Air Carriers and Flight Organizer. For him there are available more than 40 flights records to assist him in making the proper and most economical decisions. Also, earlier Flight Organizers' opinions are available by just asking.

"There are also Directors in charge of Publicity, Cultural Activities, Dances, Scandinavian Day Picnic, Sharesales and Scandapades. There is also a Secretary and a Treasurer.

"Director for Publicity takes care of "Splinters from the Board" in the Scandinavian Centre News each month, and also organizes the Scandinavian Centre Report over CFCW Camrose each Saturday morning.

"Cultural Director has been looking after and organizing coffee parties, and takes care of the Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest.

"Dances and the New Year's Eve Frolic are looked after by the Director in charge with help from his committee.

"Each Director in charge of a certain function may have a

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri

THE SCANDINAVIAN SHOW

Have you been listening to the Camrose radio station and the Saturday morning Scandinavian show? There has been a really good coverage for Scandapades '74. Some more coverage will be seen on television soon, so please watch Alberta A.M. on Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Magazine on Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

We hope to see a really big turnout at the Annual Shareholders' meeting on Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please contact any member of the nominating committee if you, or anyone you know is interested in becoming nominated to the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre Co-op Association. The nominating Committee is as follows:

Leif Oddson — CHAIRMAN — Icelandic — 6412 - 84 St., 466-6838

Holger Larsen — Danish — 3626 - 113 Ave., 474-3580

John Sahuri — Finnish — 16112 - 104 Ave., 489-7515

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Mrs. Linnea Lodge — Swedish — 12336 St. Albert Tr., 455-8066

SCANDAPADES '74

I have been attending the Scandapades rehearsals for the past month and the enthusiasm is very heart warming. The promise of a big show is really true with a variety of good local talent, etc. Come and see the show on Feb. 9 at the Jubilee Auditorium. There may be some tickets yet so hurry to Scandapades box office at the Centennial Building and pick yours up today.

See you at Scandapades '74.

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Annual Meeting

committee to work with him.

"It isn't always a picnic, even if you are the director in charge of the Annual Scandinavian Day Picnic. There are dates to be considered, places to be selected and programs to lay out regarding sports activities and entertainment within the five Scandinavian groups. Lots of prayers to the weatherman for good weather must be done, to make the day a success."

There was no Annual Scandinavian Day Picnic planned last year.

"It is a little easier to be in charge of Sharesales. At the moment it is just a matter of having all applications ready and presented at the board meetings each month."

And as a reminder, a list of these new shareholders' names should be forwarded to the Scandinavian Centre News so that they receive the paper each month which is part of the benefits of being a shareholder.

"The Director in charge of Scandapades has got a job and a half, especially now, just a month before the show at the Jubilee Auditorium . . . arranging for someone to look after tickets sales, publicity, lower floor lunch display and the entire program on stage. It is only once a year that Scandapades is staged in the Jubilee Auditorium, but it takes the whole year, almost, to prepare for a good show."

There was no Scandapades show last year. However, this year, under the able guidance of Sig and Selma Sorenson, a wonderful show has been planned and will be seen at the Auditorium on Sat., Feb. 9. You should get your tickets now if you have not done so.

Bill Haldorson was elected last year but resigned because of ill health. Sig Sorenson was also elected but resigned, however he took on the responsibility, along with the Cultural Director, and the help of his wife, Selma, to produce Scandapades '74.

Every shareholder is asked to come to the Annual Meeting

starting at 7:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 19. Nominations can be made from the floor.

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DANIA NOMINATES TWO FOR AWARD



Tom and Vera Nielsen receive Scandinavian Centre News Honor Award.

A letter was received from the president of the Edmonton Danish Society presenting two names for the Honor Award of the Scandinavian Centre News. It reads:

The Danish Society "DANIA" would like to nominate two persons for the Honor Award for most outstanding Danish people deserving recognition for their efforts in promoting Danish culture and unity in and around Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Nielsen (Tom and Vera) have both served as strong promoters for the Danish Society "DANIA". Tom as past president for "DANIA" and Vera as Secretary. Tom has also, during his long association with the Scandinavian Centre, served as manager there.

It is with the help of these two persons that others today can maintain their identity with the Danish club. They have put in many hours of work and efforts to promote Scandinavian countries.

They have both retired from the public scene but are still being called on everyday to give advice and directions to people who remember them as always glad to be able to help whenever or however they could.

It is with pride and joy that "DANIA" would like to see these two individuals receive recognition for the tremendous efforts they have put into "DANIA" over the years.

Danish Society "DANIA"
Allan Sorensen
President.

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Here you see Tom and Vera Nielsen, well known amongst the Scandinavian people in and around Edmonton. They came to Canada in 1924. Both were born in Denmark. Tom was born in Vejle, Denmark, and as a young man he moved to Copenhagen where he met Vera who was born there. Tom emigrated to Canada in the late part of April, 1924, where he got a job on a farm in Saskatchewan. Vera came to Canada in November 1924 and worked as a cook on the same farm as Tom. They were married as soon as Vera came in November 1924.

They came to Edmonton from Saskatchewan in 1926—there has been quite a change in the city since then. After being in Edmonton a year, they went to a little place in Cherhill, where they were supposed to have rented a farm when the spring came, but they were told a lot of lies about the place, so it was not worth staying and they got out of there, then got to be manager of 3/4

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Gail Peterson

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 16

General Meeting and Initiation at 7:30 p.m. Dancing at 9:00 p.m. Members \$2.50 and Non-Members \$3.00

A good time was had by all at the Installation Dinner and Dance. Winners of the spot dances were John and Astrid Hope, Deryl Stewart and Helen Hennesey. Prizes are free admission to the Valentine Dance in February.

Best wishes to Mrs. Emma Bredeesen who celebrated her 89th birthday on Jan. 4. She is residing at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Also greetings to Mrs. Maria Berild who will celebrate her 85th birthday on Feb. 12 at Mountain View Lodge in Olds, Alta.

Professor Gosta Franzen, head of the Scandinavian office at the University of Chicago, will be talking on Vikings and Literature on the evening of March 10 at the Scandinavian Centre.

Congratulations to Dr. Earl Berg and Mrs. Mathilda Mjaatveit who recently received Life Memberships to Solglyt Lodge #143.

Congratulations to Del and Doreen Melsness on the birth of their granddaughter. Jennifer Diane was born on Dec. 27, 1973. Proud parents are Dean and Barbara Melsness.

Del and Doreen's son, Donald, was home from Ottawa over the festive season. He returned to Ottawa after a ski trip to B.C.

Astrid Hope was at the Delwood Elementary School with a display of Norwegian artifacts, slides, etc. There were 60 Grade III pupils and all showed great enthusiasm. They asked her many questions about Norway and really enjoyed the lefse she brought.

We wish a speedy recovery to Warren Clark, who is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

The Supreme Convention Committee met at the Scandinavian Centre on Jan. 5 to make plans for the coming convention in Banff in August of this year. Attending the meeting were Ed Ness and Roy Swanberg from Calgary, Dave

Peterson from Claresholm, Ross Anderson from Camrose, Andy Haugen from Grande Prairie, Harv Haugen, Knut Svidal, Gladys Clark, Wally Broen and Ellsworth Halberg from Edmonton.

Lois Halberg, a chairman of the Telephoning Committee, would like to thank the following for their assistance: Betty Anderson, Eleanor Anderson, Betty Broen, Kay Olafson, Ruth Zelensky, Betty Haugen, Orla Tychsen and Selma Sorenson.

The bowlers would like to thank the Sons of Norway lodge for the Christmas Bowl Donation. Prize winners were: Wes Travis, Marilyn Mjaatveit, Lois Halberg, Helge Nilson, Stan Hansen and Andy Mjaatveit.

BOWLING SCORES:

Winning team for the first half — "The Trolls" — 126 1/2 points.

Team members are: Helge Nilson, Walter Meyer, Astrid Hope, Lis Johansen and Percy Ralf.

Second place team for the first half were Merle Travis' "Northern Lights" at 120 1/2 points.

SONS OF NORWAY BOWLING RESULTS:

LADIES HIGH SINGLE — Isabelle Mjaatveit — 310 points

LADIES HIGH TRIPLE — Isabelle Mjaatveit — 738 points

MEN'S HIGH SINGLE — Barry Stevens — 324 points

MEN'S HIGH TRIPLE — Arne Gulbrandsen — 849 points

TEAM HIGH SINGLE — Peter Hansen's "Norsemen" — 1,178 points

TEAM HIGH TRIPLE — Lloyd Steen's "Fjords" — 3,208 points

Kris and Bernice Nyhus and three children, Linda, Greg and Anders, are back from a four-week vacation to Norway.

Sig and Selma Sorenson, Harv. Haugen and Emeth and Gladys Clark attended Supper and Installation of Officers for 1974 for the Sons of Norway, Ronning Lodge, Camrose, on Jan. 15. Harv Haugen was the installing officer.

Your correspondent for next month will be Sig Sorenson. Please phone your news to him at 466-1839. □

Greetings From The Premier



On behalf of the Government and the citizens of the Province of Alberta, it is a pleasure to welcome the delegates who will attend the forthcoming 43rd International

Supreme Convention—Sons of Norway, at Banff.

I am sure those attending the convention will enjoy the hospitality of the people of this Province and the scenic beauty that is in abundance everywhere. We hope when you are here you will take time to explore our Province at your leisure.

May your convention and your visit to Alberta be successful and rewarding.

Peter Lougheed
Premier of Alberta

Greetings From S/N Chairman

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters in Sons of Norway. On behalf of the Convention Committee with members from HAMAR, Claresholm; VALHALLA, Calgary; RONNING, Camrose; SOLGLYT, Edmonton, and NORTHERN LIGHTS, Grande Prairie, I am pleased to extend

SONS OF NORWAY SUPREME LODGE CONVENTION

By Gladys C. Clark
Publicity Director

The Sons of Norway International Supreme Convention and Second Annual Youth Conference will be held at Banff Springs Hotel at Banff, Alta., Aug. 21-24.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

J. Edward Ness, Valhalla Lodge, Calgary — Convention Chairman

Roy Swanberg, Valhalla Lodge, Calgary — Vice Chairman and responsible for Housing

Dave Peterson, Hamar Lodge, Claresholm — Ways and Means

Ross Anderson, Ronning Lodge, Camrose — Hospitality, Tours and Entertainment

Andy Haugen, Northern Lights Lodge, Grande Prairie — Registration

Gladys C. Clark, Solglyt Lodge, Edmonton — Program and Publicity

Harv Haugen, Solglyt Lodge, Edmonton — Youth Coordinator

Knut Svidal, Solglyt Lodge, Edmonton — Ex-Officio Member

Banff will be a truly fabulous setting for our 43rd International Supreme Convention and Youth Conference. A memorable occasion is guaranteed for those delegates and members attending from lodges throughout North America.

For information regarding hotels, motels, trailer courts and campgrounds, write:

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REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee set for delegates and members and staff is \$30.00. This amount will cover banquet, entertainment, planned tours, barbecue and other expenses necessary in carrying out a convention.

An official Supreme Convention program is planned to record the occasion. An interesting 8 1/2"x11" booklet bound in an attractive 3-color cover, brimming with information pertaining to the convention and activities.

Business firms or anyone wishing to sponsor an ad in this booklet may do so, and will receive a complimentary copy. For more information regarding prices, etc., on advertising, contact: Gladys C. Clark
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By Ed Ness
Convention Chairman
TRANSPORTATION

Alberta has excellent paved highways. Air services at present are: Western Airlines and

a sincere invitation to everyone to attend the 43rd Supreme Convention in Banff, Alta., Aug. 21-24. The committee has one main objective in mind, and that is, to make your visit pleasant and memorable.

We know that you will enjoy Banff and Alberta with its magnificent scenery, the rugged Rockies, the exciting north, the rolling prairie, and the Alberta Hospitality. COME JOIN US IN '74.

Yours fraternally,
J. Edward Ness
Convention Chairman

Hughes Air West with direct flights to Calgary from points in the United States. In addition, Air Canada and Canadian Pacific Airlines have about 40 flights per day into Calgary, originating in Vancouver, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal. I believe all these cities have U.S. airlines serving them. Canadian Pacific has a transcontinental train. For people coming to Calgary by air, GrayLine operated by Brewster Transport Ltd., has an Airporter Service with four trips daily each way. For large groups they can arrange a charter.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

There is much to do and see in Banff and vicinity. For this reason there will not be a rigid schedule, so visitors can do what they wish. Activities presently planned are President's reception, Western barbecue, one or two dances, closing banquet and it is hoped that the hotel will keep their promise and serve some Norwegian food. The Government of Alberta is providing a grant to defray a portion of the banquet costs for delegates.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Plans are well in hand with a maximum of 150 young people expected. The committee intends to utilize the outdoor environment fully. □

Norwegian Xmas Display

By Astrid Hope
S/N Cultural Director

When Capilano Mall presented "Christmas Around the World", Dec. 1-22, 1973, Mrs. Astrid Hope was notified she had received the award for their display of Norwegian Christmas on behalf of the Sons of Norway. Mrs. Hope was assisted by Mrs. Betty Broen.

They presented the display on four separate occasions. There were other displays from Iceland,

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

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The above symbols for the uneducated, mean we are about to pose a question or two. Now, my friends, are you ready and will you please answer truthfully:

1. Did you make a New Year's resolution?

2. What was your resolution? You need not answer this question if you feel we are encroaching on your privacy.

3. How many of you, like myself, have already broken your New Year's Resolution?

(Note: The aforementioned items are really meant to be food for thought, but if you are a bit of a dare-devil and want to answer them, it could be amusing for future editions of the Icelandic Newsletter.)

WELCOME MAT

To Mr. and Mrs. Reg and Bea Frederickson and their two children, Carrie and Christopher, The Icelandic Society of Edmonton welcomes you into our midst with open arms, and if you don't believe our arms are open just observe them the next time you see any of us. All I hope is that Bea will walk right into mine. All kidding aside, it was a pleasure meeting you folks, and we certainly want to thank Ruth and Chris MacNaughton for being so thoughtful in arranging an evening at their home with some of us to meet Reg and Bea. We feel a short biography is appropriate here.

The Fredericksons are former residents of Winnipeg. They were transferred here last October by Imperial Oil, the company Reg works for. They bought a home. Pardon us if we get a little bold here, but we are sure that Reg will agree this is his order of preference. First priority, he loves his wife and family. Secondly, he loves to sing. Ahh, maybe we have a potential TENOR for the Saga Singers choir? And now for Bea we must apologize for not knowing what her favorite hobby is, but we feel quite safe in saying her first priority is being a good wife and mother and, judging from Reg's physical structure, he has been well looked after. In retrospect (no, "retrospect" is not applicable, let's use the plain word "thinking back to") the gathering of the clan at MacNaughton's. It was a most pleasant get-together.

The only area of disagreement we had was when I said I was a better bass than he was as a tenor. We resolved it by agreeing each one was better than the other. Of course, Dear Readers, as Ann Landers would say, you all understand and realize the foregoing

sentence is just kidding on my part. We hope everybody has the wit and wisdom to understand it. Actually we did talk a lot about light opera, classical music, Rullapylsa, Skyr, Liverpyllsa, and numerous other Icelandic treats.

We conclude this welcome to the Fredericksons by saying "thanks again" to the MacNaughtons for this get together and we hope you Fredericksons will never be sorry you came to the Oil Capital of Canada, Edmonton, Alta.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome with pleasure six families who have wisely chosen to walk arm in arm with us:

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thorkelson—
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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rousell—
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Albrecht—
11808 - 58 St.—475-8326

Let's see, where do we go from here? The first thought that crosses my mind, why don't people write to me and say, "Les, last night, the 26 Jan., my husband and I had a violent disagreement, but before sunrise we resolved it," or "we had a birth in our family", or "our parents celebrated their 52 Wedding Anniversary" or "our daughter had tonsilectomy" or "did I ever laugh when my husband fell downstairs last night, thank goodness". You know, folks, your correspondent wants news, and please give him a little intelligence for being able to use it as if he sought it out on his own initiative. We won't mention names as that will only cause some resentment, but there are only about 8 or 10 sources who have co-operated from time to time. To these people we say a big "THANK YOU". You people must realize that your correspondent is trying to do, is make everybody aware that we can't print anything that may bring some pleasure to the readers of this column unless you co-operate. Now we pose another question, do we have your co-operation? P.S. For the March issue we have to have the information by Feb. 12. Now it must be obvious your correspondent wants to do a good job but we need your help.

We would like to say "thank you" to all those people who phoned and said they saw the Saga Singers on Channel 13 on Jan. 4, and your comments were most appreciated.

You have encouraged us to conquer new fields—maybe C.B.C. or C.T.V. NETWORKS. You would have to say, it is wonderful to be able to dream.

Okay to you people who are of a skeptical nature. Maybe we are an optimist or a dreamer, but most everything starts from a dream before it becomes a reality. Now, what is our next subject? Alright, let us dream of an Icelandic Islendigadagurinn at Markerville, Alta. So some of you say, "this guy is nuts". Alright then, if most people adopt this attitude then of course we can throw the dream into the garbage can. But if everybody says I am going to be a salesman for this project you would be amazed at what we could accomplish. With this in mind we now submit to you a questionnaire, and we hope (Greenham dreaming again) we get 3 or 4 hundred answers.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Are you planning on going to the Markerville Icelandic celebration in June this year?

2. Who are you betting on in the special match race attraction between yours truly and Ninna Campbell. (P.S. anyone who wants to bet on Ninna we shall take your bet.)

3. In all the rest of the sporting events which are to take place, who will win the grand aggregate, Edmonton or Calgary? Judging by the training reports out of each training camp the opinion at the moment favors Edmonton slightly.

4. Do you propose that we should rendezvous at a designated area and proceed to Markerville under police escort?

5. Do you think we should all take tents, sleeping bags, etc. and make it a two-day affair (with our wives or husbands)?

6. Did you make a New Year's resolution to promote your Icelandic Society and support it every way possible?

7. Have you any suggestions to improve the quality of this news column?

8. Did you resolve to attend Thorroblot on Feb. 10 and pay your annual dues which, as most of you know, are: family \$3.00; single \$2.00 a year?

9. Did you resolve to join the Icelandic Society Saga Singers Choir, even though, like me, you can't sing worth a damn but are willing to give it a try?

10. Do you think that Leifur Oddson should run for Mayor? (P.S. They tell me he goes for a run every morning.)

11. Do you think it is right that Norm Vigfusson and his wonderful family should live in Cheney, Wash., when we all here love them so much?

12. How many men like me, for 1974, have decided to be the boss of the house and have left 1975 open for negotiations?

13. Have you, or will you give some thought to a format of ideas, any special event to promote Markerville into an Alberta Islendigadagurinn such as maybe volleyball, darts, ping pong, a horseshoe tournament, etc., etc? If you have, we sure would love to hear from you. Let's get moving now and not wait until the end of May.

14. Do you think that Bill Hall-dorson and yours truly should give dancing lessons? It is our belief that if you had seen us dancing on Dec. 22, we should. However, at the moment we hope we are not inundated with requests due to our age. Maybe we could do it on a first-come first-serve basis.

In the above questionnaire, we hope you will find some humour, but in all sincerity we would ap-

preciate answers to the questions which you feel are appropriate. We hope you will find it in your heart to answer these questions. If you do, there is no need to cut this out of the paper, just answer by number and mail it to your correspondent at 10424 - 142 St., Edmonton T5N 2P2. It would be really, sincerely appreciated, as it would give your Icelandic Society some indication as to whether we should pursue this Celebration at Markerville. Unfortunately being (pardon me) an astute student of human psychology and behavior we are prepared to wager there won't be more than 2 or 3 replies if any. This is a challenge to you, do you accept it? We just hope the mailman proves us wrong in the next few days.

THE SHADOW KNOWS

Margaret Cameron and Ruth MacNaughton operated an Icelandic Booth at the opening days of United Nations Week in the Capilano Shopping Mall in December. On display they had Icelandic costumes and clothing, a Christmas tree beautifully decorated including fruit, also a variety of (pardon me) world famous Icelandic foods, with a background of recorded Icelandic music. Both Margaret and Ruth said it was quite interesting and were surprised at the number of people who visited the booth. We must congratulate those girls for their effort in promoting Icelandic Culture.

Al and Martha Arnason braved the elements of the weather and took off for Aldergrove, B.C., by car to spend the Christmas season with Martha's mother and her two brothers. Guess Al must be a good driver as Martha said there were no driving problems. We understand the only disappointment Al had was he could not find any trees with fruit on them to bring home. However, we understand they had a most enjoyable trip and would have liked to have stayed longer.

If my informants are correct then the Mitchells, Alec and Pauline, should be back in town. They were supposed to make a triumphant return during the latter part of January. Pauline, I hope you have that one note perfected by now, and we hope your excursion westward was just full of joy and pleasure.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Please look elsewhere in this issue of the Scandinavian Centre Newspaper for an announcement regarding the appearance of Prof. Franzen go in the not-too-distant future. Also look under "Wedding Bells" for the Dianne Halldorson-Jan DeRoo Wedding.

QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH

Has anyone heard from Ari Arnalds and Sigrun Helgasdottir since they went to Iceland and if so are there any indications that they are lonesome for us, especially the Choir, and may come back to Edmonton? This also applies to Dr. Marino and Phyllis Kristjanson in Ottawa. This brings a thought to mind, why is it when people leave our wonderful city for what they think is greener pastures they never write to us and let us know if they are happy in their new surroundings? Obviously your correspondent wants news and more news. After all, without news all we shall have is a calendar of events which are to take place.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Anyone interested in taking Icelandic Lessons can still register. The last figure we heard was approximately 28 people registered. Due to so much involvement with Scandapades Rehearsals, etc., it has been decided to start these lessons on Feb. 12 at the Old Scona Campus on 106 St.

between 83 and 84 Ave. According to our information, the total cost of these lessons are \$20.00 per person. Now if all of a sudden you have decided to take advantage of this opportunity you can phone Lucille Oddson at 466-6838. I'm sure she will be happy to hear from you.

On Feb. 10 in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre at 4:30 p.m.—the most important date as far as the Icelandic Society is concerned—is the annual Thorroblot. To the uninitiated this is a gathering of everybody interested in the welfare and well being of the Society. This meeting is open to all Icelanders and their friends regardless of nationality providing they are in concert with our progress. At this gathering there is the election of the Executive for the forthcoming year. Then we socialize for awhile and cap the evening with a beautiful Icelandic supper. If you wish to attend, and we sincerely hope you do in order to break even we hope financially, it is going to cost \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. All members of the executive will be donating some food and we hope most everybody will want to. If so, phone Jonina Eamon at 455-6594 for suggestions. Can your correspondent dream? Yes, he dreams of 300 people being there. How about you?

BIRTHS

That great couple we all know as Walter and Beulah Arason are PROUD to announce the birth of their third grandson, MICHAEL ROLAND TOUGAS, on Dec. 29 to their daughter, Carole, and their son-in-law, Roland Tougas, of Ottawa. Congratulations to you all.

BIRTHDAYS

A belated birthday greeting to Steini Jonsson who celebrated his 75th on Jan. 10.

To Trevor and Tracy Vigfusson, our Godchildren, a most enjoyable seventh birthday on Feb. 13.

To Mrs. Ruth Florence on Feb. 14. My valentine, how old are you?

To the one and only Gail Mitchell on Feb. 16 on this your first 28th birthday.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

On Feb. 26, 1972, Howard and Heather MacNaughton said "I do" or "I will" to each other and we are told they have never had any regrets. Congratulations to you two.

They say behind every cloud is a silver lining. Well on Feb. 15, 1969, a silver lining by the name of THOREY wilted and became the wife of Les Greenham. Obviously this is their 5th anniversary and all we can say is they have been wonderful and we shall spend it quietly at home.

SICK AND VISITING

That one and only fabulous Mrs. Ninna Campbell, who is charged with the responsibility of visiting the sick, informs us there are no sick Icelanders, which we are happy to report. I guess we are all like that guy, Malakoff.

Clara Jonsson and her daughter, Lois, travelled to Eriksdale, Man., to visit Clara's mother who is very ill. Clara and Lois are very glad they made the trip despite no improvement in Mrs. Watson's health.

If we have missed any newsworthy items don't blame your correspondent, search your own conscience.

One last thought before we conclude this news report: Has anyone given any thought to forming a Jr. Icelandic Choir? Do you think we could create enthusiasm among the young to participate?

Support your church. Good luck, health and happiness to you all.

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RONNING LODGE



By Millie Weiss

The regular meeting was held on Sat., Jan 12 at 7 p.m. in the Dania Room with Len Eliason conducting the meeting, District Master G. Eliason was also present.

Jay and Darren Pearson of Vancouver spent the holidays with their grandparents, Clifford and Paula Lindberg. Bernice was also a visitor.

John Jarrott and Sonja Bergstrom are on our sick list. Lunch was served after the meeting.

Swedish lessons will be held on Wed., Jan. 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m. and every Wed. thereafter at St. Joseph's hospital. Swedish books are available from the cultural leader.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held at Gus and Helga Johnson's — 11145 - 57 St. on Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.

Gofta Franzen, head of the Scandinavian office at the University of Chicago, will give a talk at the Scandinavian Centre on Mar. 10 on "Vikings and Literature".

Calvin and Judy Cartwright won a lucky door prize ticket of a trip to Las Vegas.

Andy and Ogren spent an evening with Harold and Lulu Lundgren of Kamloops, B.C.

By Doreen Anderson

The first Social event for this year will be held Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the MOOSE HALL. This will be a potluck supper, installation of new officers and presentation of bowling trophies from the morning coffee league. Following this will be dancing to records. This evening is open to members and friends.

- ROBERT VILLADSEN, Westlock—\$2.00
- JAMES DAY, Edmonton—\$5.00
- ALFRED GILES, Camrose—\$3.00
- DOROTHY & SVEND, Edmonton—\$3.00
- E. I. WOLD, Leduc—\$5.00
- Mr. & Mrs. ANTON KOZCULAB, Edmonton—\$5.00
- Mr. & Mrs. H. ESKELSON, Edmonton—\$5.00
- TORNY & HENRY UNDHEIM, Yellowknife, N.W.T.—\$5.00
- HARRIET B. NYLEN, Edmonton—\$2.00
- Mrs. EDITH PERSSON, Fairview—\$3.00
- HARRY BAGOT, Edmonton—\$2.00
- GERRY ENGER, Edmonton—\$5.00
- Mrs. A. SUND, Edmonton—\$5.00
- CARL LEMBERG, Edmonton—\$5.00
- OLD TRAPPER, Watson Lake, Y.T.—\$5.00
- Mrs. HULDA RYDMEN, Edmonton—\$2.00
- Mrs. B. KEY, Westlock—\$2.00
- J. U. ERICKSON, Lethbridge—\$2.00
- FINSTAD PETTER & ONA, Salmon Arm, B.C.—\$5.00

The 1974 officers elected at the December meeting are as follows:

PRESIDENT — Roald Torpe

1ST VICE-PRES. — Cliff Lien

2ND VICE-PRES. — Henry Anderson

COUNSELOR — Chris Christianson

SOCIAL DIR. — Pauline McDonald

SECRETARY — N.F.Y.

ASST. SEC. — S.V.

FINANCIAL SEC. — Wilma Ofrim

TREASURER — Helen Lien

TRUSTEE — Olaf Jorde

MARSHALL — Obert Benson

ASST. MARSHALL — Art Veale

JUNIOR DIR. — Lois Torpe

SPORTS DIR. — Ross Anderson

HISTORIAN — Grace Veale

EDITOR — Grace Hansen

MUSICIAN — Bernie Magnuson

LIBRARIAN — N.F.Y.

INNER GUARD — Cliff Larson

OUTER GUARD — Uddo Johansson

CULTURAL DIR. — N.F.Y.

Card parties have resumed, more on this next month. Curling and bowling are going very well with approximately 90 members participating.

Of special interest to lodge members: Our honorary member, Dr. Chester Ronning, left Camrose on Jan. 12 for Moscow, Russia, for a two-week visit with his daughter, Kjeryn, and son-in-law, Thomas Ronneng, and family. Mr. Thomas Ronneng is a diplomat for the Royal Norwegian Embassy. Enroute Dr. Ronning stopped at Ottawa to be a guest at the installa-

tion of the new Governor General, Jules Leger, who is a close friend.

Ronning Lodge, will be hosting the second annual Alberta Inter-Lodge Sports weekend on March 2 and 3. Competitions will be held in bowling, curling and cross-country skiing for Lodge members and their immediate families. Sports will commence Sat. at 9 a.m. through till 5 p.m. and Sun. from 9 a.m. till noon. A smorgasbord and dance will be held Sat. evening and the weekend will wind up with a turkey dinner and presentation of all trophies at noon Sunday.

Sons of Norway members interested in attending this sports weekend contact your local Lodge sports director or president.

Please note: Meetings have been changed to the 3rd TUESDAY of each month and are now being held in the Moose Hall. The Feb. meeting will be held on Tuesday the 19 at 8 p.m. with our new president.

"Thanks to all officers and members for their support and co-operation in 1973." — past Pres. Chris Christianson.

"At this time I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their help over the past year, also thanks to all members for their time and assistance. It has been a pleasure working for you and I hope that you will continue to give the same support to the new committee." — past Social Dir. Helen Lien.

Lodge members who have items of interest for the Lodge bulletin, Scandinavian Centre News, local papers or the radio show please contact our new publicity director and editor, Grace Hansen.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

FLIGHT PROGRAM

1974 SUMMER TOURS

FLIGHT No. 45 — JULY 9 to AUGUST 19 — EDMONTON to COPENHAGEN via AMSTERDAM ATC I.D. 74-424

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APPLICATION FORM

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Name Age Passport or Social Insurance Number

Address Postal Code Phone

Others (Date of birth if under 2)

I enclose \$ the balance \$ to be paid in full 60 days prior to departure of flights.

I am a member in good standing of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited. Yes ☐ No ☐

Date Signature

Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1973

(With comparative figures for 1972)

| ASSETS | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current Assets | 1973 | 1972 |
| Cash on hand and in bank | \$ 14,755 | \$ 16,196 |
| Accounts receivable | 383 | 1,123 |
| Inventory of goods for resale, lower of cost or market | 944 | 586 |
| Prepaid expenses, advances (4) | 2,335 | 421 |
| | <u>\$ 18,417</u> | <u>\$ 18,326</u> |
| Investments | | |
| Guaranteed investment certificates (note 1) | <u>\$ 28,549</u> | <u>\$ 25,882</u> |
| Capital Assets | | |
| Land, at cost (note 2) | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| Building, at cost | 127,467 | 127,467 |
| Furniture and fixtures, at cost | 36,239 | 35,269 |
| | <u>\$173,706</u> | <u>\$172,736</u> |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation (note 3) | 53,815 | 53,815 |
| | <u>\$119,891</u> | <u>\$118,921</u> |
| Net capital assets | <u>\$119,891</u> | <u>\$118,921</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$166,857</u> | <u>\$163,129</u> |

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DEFICIT

| INCOME | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hall rentals (statement) | \$ 12,453 | \$ 11,557 |
| Social functions — loss | -92 | -737 |
| Charter flights | 2,327 | 4,038 |
| Scandinavian Centre News (statement) — loss ... | -3,740 | -3,264 |
| Interest | 2,827 | 2,465 |
| | <u>\$ 13,775</u> | <u>\$ 14,059</u> |
| GROSS INCOME (net) | | |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administration and general | 124 | 70 |
| Advertising | 442 | 507 |
| Building renovations, repairs | 1,462 | 922 |
| Grounds, snow removal | 796 | 936 |
| Insurance | 1,100 | 996 |
| Meetings | 302 | 280 |
| Professional fees | 400 | 375 |
| Property taxes | 5,853 | 4,845 |
| | <u>\$ 10,479</u> | <u>\$ 8,931</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>\$ 10,479</u> | <u>\$ 8,931</u> |
| INCOME before depreciation provision | \$ 3,295 | \$ 5,128 |
| Provision for depreciation (note 3) | Nil | Nil |
| NET INCOME (Note 5) | 3,296 | 5,128 |
| Deficit January 1 | 6,534 | 11,662 |
| | <u>\$ 3,238</u> | <u>\$ 6,534</u> |
| Deficit December 31 | <u>\$ 3,238</u> | <u>\$ 6,534</u> |

SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

| Source of Funds | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Funds from shares issued and subscribed | \$ 660 | \$ 2,289 |
| Income from operations | 3,296 | 5,128 |
| | <u>\$ 3,956</u> | <u>\$ 7,417</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,956</u> | <u>\$ 7,417</u> |
| Application of Funds | | |
| Acquisition of fixed assets | \$ 970 | \$ 362 |
| Investments | 2,667 | 2,318 |
| | <u>\$ 3,637</u> | <u>\$ 2,680</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,637</u> | <u>\$ 2,680</u> |
| Increase in Working Capital | \$ 319 | \$ 4,737 |
| Working Capital January 1st | 16,066 | 11,329 |
| | <u>\$ 16,385</u> | <u>\$ 16,066</u> |
| Working Capital December 31st | <u>\$ 16,385</u> | <u>\$ 16,066</u> |

| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current Liabilities | 1973 | 1972 |
| Accounts payable — trade | \$ 377 | |
| Deposits on future rentals | 1,655 | 2,260 |
| | <u>\$ 2,032</u> | <u>\$ 2,260</u> |
| Total current liabilities | <u>\$ 2,032</u> | <u>\$ 2,260</u> |
| Shareholders' Equity | | |
| Share Capital | | |
| Authorized: Unlimited number of shares at \$50.00 each | | |
| Funds received from shares issued and subscribed | \$168,063 | \$167,403 |
| Deficit | 3,238 | 6,534 |
| | <u>\$164,825</u> | <u>\$160,869</u> |
| Net shareholders' equity | <u>\$164,825</u> | <u>\$160,869</u> |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | <u>\$166,857</u> | <u>\$163,129</u> |

STATEMENT OF HALL RENTALS

| REVENUE | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Viking room | \$ 15,177 | \$ 14,239 |
| Nordic room | 5,650 | 5,625 |
| Dania room | 2,455 | 2,830 |
| Corkage, mix, sundry | 10,356 | 9,357 |
| Goods for resale | — | 9 |
| Commissions — catering | 8,584 | 6,290 |
| Coat checks, other | 1,920 | 1,205 |
| | <u>\$ 44,142</u> | <u>\$ 39,555</u> |
| Total revenue | <u>\$ 44,142</u> | <u>\$ 39,555</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Advertising | \$ 282 | \$ 1,109 |
| Bad debts | 175 | — |
| Bank charges | 55 | 43 |
| Car allowance | 300 | 300 |
| | <u>\$ 712</u> | <u>\$ 1,452</u> |
| Equipment and building maintenance | 1,960 | 1,263 |
| Equipment rentals | 113 | 458 |
| Garbage removal | 453 | 319 |
| Heat | 309 | 406 |
| | <u>\$ 2,835</u> | <u>\$ 2,436</u> |
| Ice | 709 | 553 |
| Miscellaneous | 389 | 469 |
| Linen, laundry | 237 | 318 |
| Mix | 3,779 | 3,322 |
| | <u>\$ 5,114</u> | <u>\$ 4,672</u> |
| Office supplies | 636 | 226 |
| Payroll | 15,930 | 12,872 |
| Supplies | 1,122 | 1,804 |
| Utilities, telephone | 2,941 | 1,834 |
| | <u>\$ 23,638</u> | <u>\$ 16,778</u> |
| Wages, other | 2,163 | 2,621 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 136 | 81 |
| | <u>\$ 23,937</u> | <u>\$ 19,480</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>\$ 31,689</u> | <u>\$ 27,998</u> |
| Net Hall Rental Income | <u>\$ 12,453</u> | <u>\$ 11,557</u> |

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

| EXPENSES | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Publishing | \$ 5,868 | \$ 5,994 |
| Mailing | 2,078 | 2,049 |
| Editor | — | 1,658 |
| Office and general | 653 | 202 |
| | <u>\$ 8,599</u> | <u>\$ 9,903</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>\$ 8,599</u> | <u>\$ 9,903</u> |
| REVENUE | | |
| Advertising | \$ 3,755 | \$ 5,675 |
| Donations | 1,104 | 964 |
| | <u>\$ 4,859</u> | <u>\$ 6,639</u> |
| Excess of expense over revenue | <u>\$ 3,740</u> | <u>\$ 3,264</u> |

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**(This is the only notice that shareholders will receive)**

Annual General Meeting

OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

WHEN -**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th****WHERE -****The Viking Room at the
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
14220 - 125th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta****AGENDA -**

- REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- READING OR MINUTES OF
LAST ANNUAL MEETING
- DIRECTORS REPORT
- AUDITORS REPORT
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF
MINUTES AND REPORTS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
- ELECTION OF AUDITOR AND
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- COFFEE AND CAKES

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1973

1. There has been a change in the location on the balance sheet of the guaranteed investment certificates in order to describe them more adequately. The comparative 1972 statements have been adjusted accordingly. A more complete description of the certificates on hand at December 31st, 1973 is as follows:—

Guaranteed investment certificates in Principal Savings and Trust Company which are non-callable, non-transferable and non-assignable prior to maturity date. One 9.25% certificate in the amount of \$21,556.00 matures on October 27, 1975 while several 9% and 9.25% certificates mature on January 1, 1976.

2. Land carried on the balance sheet at a cost of \$10,000.00 carries a 1973 City of Edmonton property tax assessment of \$63,960.00 indicating a market value of approximately \$100,000.00.
3. For the sake of simplicity and as the Scandinavian Centre is a non-profit social club, depreciation has been claimed only to the extent necessary to minimize the payment of federal income tax. No depreciation has been provided for during the years 1971, 1972 or 1973.
4. Of this amount \$2,000.00 is in connection with advance to Scandapades 1974.
5. A loss in 1971 has resulted in there being no income tax payable for the years 1972 and 1973. A loss carry-forward balance of \$3,932.00 from 1971 still remains.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: the Shareholders of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited.

I have examined the balance sheet of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited as at December 31st, 1973 and the statements of income and deficit and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date. My examination included such tests of accounting records and other supportive evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and deficit and source and application present fairly the financial position of the association as at December 31, 1973 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with those of the prior year except as explained in the notes to the financial statements.

Prepared without audit

W. K. Broen, Chartered Accountant
9560 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
January 14th, 1974.

GROUP DISCOUNT FLIGHT

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Contact Vera Nielsen, 12424 - 141 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 2G5. Phone 454-5438

NEWS FROM FINLAND

By Airi Langeste

Electricity rationing has gone into effect in Finland too. With a wide range of mandatory restrictions aimed at cutting consumption by 10%. Home owners were asked to use only limited amounts of electricity, and to cut down by half the use of electrical appliances and air conditioners.

Drivers are asked to slow down to 80 km. per hour and all car racing is prohibited. All show-window lights and neon light advertising were cut off Dec. 28, 1973. It is not allowed to heat a garage or the water in private swimming pools, neither is it allowed to melt the ice on the streets or courtyards with hot water.

Fines would be levied for violations.

Thanks to the automatic telephone service, Finns will find it easier to place telephone calls within Finland and even to Sweden. The same service will be extended to calls to Norway, Denmark and Germany by May or June of this year.

Stage Artist Kasteelmi Karjalainen died in Turku on Dec. 11.

She was born in Helsinki May 10, 1911, but spent most of her childhood in Kakisalmi. She was well known in Finland for her interest in Karelian folk culture and her poetry recitals were the favorites of many Finns.

Most of her recital programs came from Kalevala and Kan-teletar. In 1964 Kasteelmi Karjalainen visited Finnish communities both in the USA and Canada, and on the last Finnish Independence Day she was given the Pro Finlandia medal for her artistic achievements.

Archbishop Ilmari Salomies died in Helsinki Dec. 26, 1973. He was born in Mikkeli in 1893. Archbishop Salomies worked as a church history professor at the University of Helsinki during the years 1938-1943. After that he became the Bishop of Viipuri and later Bishop of Mikkeli. He became Archbishop in 1951 and retired in 1964.

On Dec. 10 Rovaniemi had a slight earthquake, but no damage was reported. Slight tremors are felt almost every year throughout Finland.

The Dollar is worth more in Finland now, than it was half a year ago. Last summer the value of the US dollar was slightly over 3.50 Fmks. On Jan. 7 this year the US dollar was up to 3.92 Fmks. At the same time the Canadian dollar was 3.95 Fmks. □

Searching for Our Heritage

By Lillian MacPherson

Why Bother?

- going to a cultural talk by a visiting speaker
- belonging to one of the Scandinavian cultural associations
- finding out about the history and literature of our forebears' homeland
- trying to learn the language of our forefathers
- learning the crafts which were brought to this country by the settlers
- eating the foods which are traditional to our nationality
- teaching our children to appreciate some aspects of our cultural heritage

There is something in all of us which wants to know where we came from and why we are like we are. For many of us this need doesn't surface until later in life; for some this question always goes unanswered. There are unconscious feelings and attitudes which are common to a national group. Creative people draw on this when they express themselves in their work. The literature and art of a nation will thus express the fundamental character of a people. The language of a nation and its development over the centuries is the real key to the people.

Besides the personal need to recognize roots, it is important to a multicultural society, like the one we have in western Canada, to express some aspects of our old culture to the community at large. It enriches the whole fabric of society to have understanding and appreciation of other cultures, and if we, as people of Scandinavian extraction, do not understand where our roots lie we cannot make a contribution of that kind to society we now live in.

The Scandinavian Centre supplies us with a home to learn and grow; the News a place to give our views.

The University of Alberta, in the Department of Germanic Languages, provides a program in Scandinavian languages and literature. We are very fortunate to be able to participate in this program. We can study Norwegian and Danish languages, Saga, folk and modern literature in translation, as well as modern literature in the original Norwegian, Danish and Swedish.

For personal and societal reasons, it is important for us to support the cultural programs we now have, and to promote new ones. □

New Centre In Calgary

By Ivar O. Smistad
Vice President

The Calgary Scandinavian Centre Co-op. Ltd. was officially formed and incorporated under the Alberta Co-Operative Society Act in April, 1972. Included are the five Scandinavian countries, namely: Iceland, Finland, Denmark,

BUFORD LODGE

Get-well wishes to Vernon Pearson who is in University Hospital having had surgery, and to Bert Pearson on crutches because of a cracked ankle bone.

Congratulations to Floyd and Peggy Modin on their second granddaughter. Her name is Coreen Holly.

Tony and Pat Lefrud have sold their store in Thorsby. They will continue to live in Thorsby, and good wishes to them in their new-found leisure.

Elva Modin was home for the Christmas holidays.

Verna Olson and her son, Gary, visited with Betty and Harry Hanson over the holidays, and Gary stayed with "Skinner" for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Goin of Red Deer visited with us over the weekend. While they were here we all attended the marriage of Tim Alenius and Beverley Kushnirych in Thorsby. □

By Dolores Johnson

At our regular meeting on Jan. 31 a new slate of officers for the year will be installed. They will be:

CHAIRMAN: George Modin
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ASST. M.C.: Reggie Jacobson

OUTER GUARD: Elvin Wold

INNER GUARD: Vernon Pearson

It is a good time now to make a New Year's resolution to attend all the meetings, it is one of the best ways to keep up the interest in what is happening.

Congratulations to Elvin and Anna Wold who won first prize in the home division of the "Leduc Light-up Contest".

Sweden and Norway.

The organization's aims are to secure a suitable property that each one of these countries can call a home or a centre in which we can meet and formulate programs for the purpose of bringing forth and preserving our culture.

Monthly film nights and membership meetings have been held since the formation of the organization, for the purpose of promoting sale of shares at \$50.00 each; also to maintain communication between the Board of Directors and the members, while familiarizing the audience with the total concept. The meetings have been well attended and the programs well received.

As we are now entering our third year of functioning, we have been informed that our bid to purchase what is considered a very suitable property, has been accepted. It is now a matter of time and patience while awaiting the final reply from City Hall, regarding the operation permit.

The present Board of Directors and its members enthusiastically believe that this Centre will be a total success, and something that not only the Scandinavians will be proud of, but also the citizens of the community in which we shall be functioning.

A Ladies Auxiliary was formed (Continued on Page 11)

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Poland, India, Japan and Mexico. On exhibit were colorfully decorated Christmas trees, each bedecked with holiday adornment fitting its country's customs.

On the Norwegian tree, and under the tree, were numerous presents (28 to be exact) partially opened and noticeably addressed to its recipient. For example: there was a white and black Norwegian sweater with gay embroidery trim to "Inga", a big bright blue rosemaling sewing "tina" to "Mor-Mor", tre-sko to "Lille Johann", a beautiful Hardanger tablecloth to "Solveig", figure skates to "Karen", skis to "Oskar", ski-mitts and socks to "Per", a Rosemaling platter to "Hilma" that "Sonja" had done in a recent course of Rosemaling, a doll in Norwegian folk costume to "Lille Rut", a pewter vase to "Reidun", a cushion done in "Akle" Embroidery to "Tante Britta", and not to forget another troll for "Hans" for his collection, and to

Anders, the much cherished story photo-album, "Kan du glemme Dovre Fjell, 1973". Imagine the joy "Juledagen" in this Norwegian home!

The table was dressed with the traditional red, embroidered Christmas tablecloth, bedecked with all the goodies found in a Norwegian home at Christmas-time. There were canapes—including herring, sylte flesk, sausage slices, etc., besides gjestost and other cheeses. The main course was left out in the display, but there was a menu made out stating what could be served: codfish as "lutefisk", pork ribs, sausages or other forms of pork, lamb, grouse—depending on what part of Norway a family lived. Also on the menu, for dessert was Risengryngrøt or sviskegrøt. To be served with coffee, a most traditional custom, and on display were several platters of the 12 different desired bakings, as krumkaker, lefse, rosettes, sandkaker, jortetak, spritz, "norske" macaroons Julekake. The table was adorned with authentic Norwegian china, "Lotte", with red candles and a Norwegian flag to complete the decor. Also along with the baking were the specific equipment and irons used.

A never-to-be-forgotten custom in Norway is: before the family goes to the table to eat Christmas supper, the "Julenek" (a sheaf of grain) is hung out in the yard for the birds to feed on, so that custom was also adhered to in the Norwegian display. A sheaf of grain, with numerous colorful birds attached to it, was hung on a post near the display. At intervals could be heard the sounds of Norwegian Christmas carols, (Glade Jule, Jeg er paa glad) in the background. For lack of space this Christmas tree was not placed in the middle of the floor as is another custom, of children, young and old, to form a circle around the tree to sing their carols.

In the centre of the back wall were the Norwegian flags and underneath it was a Christmas wreath decorated with Norwegian yarn dolls. Beside this was a huge green-shaped tree full of Norwegian Christmas cards friends had sent to wish this family "God Jul og et godt Nytaar".

As the trophy is being engraved at the time of this edition, pictures will be included in the next edition. □

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LEIF EIRIKSSON CLUB

By Bjorgvin Sigurdson

I missed the December issue due to too many Christmas activities and the usual affliction from which I suffer—mental and physical laziness!

To begin with, we wish all readers of the Scandinavian Centre News a very prosperous and happy 1974.

Our Christmas party on Dec. 7 was a big success. I believe a good time was had by all who attended.

A short program put on by our members was very good, with two solos—one by Anli Sigurdson, and one by Jack Bjornson; a reading and recitation by Hanna McCulloch and Ruth Speerstra, the recitation of Icelandic Folklore about the Christmas elves, first read in Icelandic, then followed by an interpretation in English. The recitation was accompanied by appropriate music played on a recorder by Anna Christiansen. The entire item was very well done—thank you, girls.

The concert concluded with the choir rendering a few Icelandic Christmas songs. The choir sang well as usual, and I foresee a great future for it.

I am impressed by the amount of talent we have in our club, as was displayed by the performers taking part in the program. No doubt there is a lot more talent among our members which we have not yet unearthed, but give us time!

The committee in charge of the program is to be congratulated and we particularly wish to thank Margret Geppert for her part in organizing it.

The program was followed by a dance, with music supplied by the soundtracks of Calgary. Our thanks to those volunteers who tended bar so well...

The draw for the winners of the Money-Tree Raffle was made at intervals during the dance. First prize of \$100.00 went to a Calgary, Jack Day, second prize of \$25.00 was shared by two young club members, Anna Christiansen and Anna Clausen, and the third prize of \$10.00 went to Mrs. Ramsey of Simons Valley. The raffle netted \$314.00.

During the dance, five door prizes were given out, the prizes this year being donated by Bill Sigurdson and Lucille Lane, while three booklets "Handy Facts About Iceland" were donated by the club...

The ladies who looked after the refreshments, i.e. food and coffee, etc., did an outstanding job. The lunch was served buffet style, the table displaying once again various Icelandic foods which were positively delicious.

Among those who attended were our honorary club members, Judge Walter Lindal and Dr. Clive H. Cardinal, also the presidents and their wives from the other four Scandinavian clubs. As stated before, the entire effort was a huge success.

An item of interest that took place on Dec. 30 was when Mr. and Mrs. Thor Johnson (Thory and Helen) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The celebration was held in the Auditorium at the Glenmore Auxiliary Hospital where Mrs. Johnson has been a patient for almost three years. Among the some 90 guests were Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Elder, from Vancouver, and many of their friends from the Markerville area, where the Johnsons made their home for many years before moving to Calgary. We wish Helen and Thory well.

Our club has been notified that we are to receive a cultural grant from the federal government under their Multiculturalism program... further news on this in our next letter when more detail is available.

Our most exciting bit of news is the acquisition of a building which is to be the home of the Scandinavian Centre Coop. The Coop will take possession at the end of this month, with a grand opening tentatively set for some time late in February. The organization is selling shares in order to raise funds to help pay for the building. It therefore behooves all good Scandinavians to come to the aid of the party and dig deep into their socks and see if they can come up with enough money for a share or 2 or 3... contact any of these clubs for a membership: Sam Austman 283-2198 (in our club), The Sons of Norway, The Vasa Order (Branting 417), or the Club Finlandia. An exhilarating feeling is that, at last the four ethnic groups now have a home.

We are sorry to report that the following members are in hospital... Mrs. Jensina Einarson (Nina Smith's mother), Doreen Wyers... we wish them both a speedy recovery. On the list of those who are recuperating are Loise Austman, who spent a few days in hospital just before Christmas, also Art Reykdal, whom we hope is well on the mend after breaking his shoulder. We wish you all the best of health and hope all will be enjoying the best of health very soon.

We have contacted Mr. Valur Egilson in Chicago re. a group flight to Iceland—this is in response to his article in the Logberg-Heimskringla paper last month. We have not as yet received a reply. All who are interested, please contact our club secretary, Amy E. Macdonald, 1013 - 31 Ave. N.W., Calgary, T2K 0A8. Tel: 284-2809. We have received brochures and Tour schedules from Gisli Gudmundsson in Iceland—these are for those who are contemplating going to Iceland this summer.

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Honor Award

section of land in Spruce Grove, where they stayed for 3 years. They bought their own farm at Ardrossan, east of Edmonton in the spring of 1930 and stayed there for 18 long years. They then came to Edmonton, where Tom started working at construction. That was in 1948. From then on everything went fine.

Tom and Vera have five children all married—13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Elsie Dupport lives in Ardrossan, Betty Kjeersgaard in Edmonton, John Nielsen in Grande Prairie, Helen Stetson in Las Vegas and Dennis Nielsen lives in Calgary. They are all doing fine and come home for visits whenever they can.

Tom and Vera bought an old house on the southside when they moved into the city, but had to sell to give room for an apartment. Vera loved that old house and she almost cried when she saw it being bulldozed down. It was very sad after living in it for 20 years.

When the Scandinavian Centre opened in June 1964, Tom was the first Manager, and he spent 5 happy years there until he retired in 1969.

Gosta Franzen to Talk

NOTED SCANDINAVIAN SCHOLAR TO GIVE TALK ON "VIKINGS AND LITERATURE"

By Lillian MacPherson

At the Scandinavian Centre the evening of March 10
At the University of Alberta the evening of March 11

Professor Gosta Franzen of the University of Chicago will give two public lectures in Edmonton. One of the two talks on various aspects of the Viking period as reflected in Old Norse literature will be held at the Scandinavian Centre on the evening of March 10, and the other at the University of Alberta on the evening of March 11.

Prof. Franzen is the head of the Scandinavian Office at the University of Chicago and came from Sweden to teach at Chicago in 1944. He is a noted scholar of Scandinavian place-names and philology as well as an authority on the Viking period.

This visit will be sponsored by the Icelandic Society, Sons of Norway with Torske Klubben, Swedish Society, and the University of Alberta.

Everybody is welcome.

WEDDING BELLS

DeRoo - Halldorson

By Les Greenham

Mount Zion Lutheran Church, decorated in all its Christmas splendor, was the setting for a candlelight ceremony on Dec. 22, 1973, at 5 p.m., when Dianne Christine, daughter of Bill and Tody Halldorson, became the bride or Jan (DeRoo), son of Jan and Kathryn DeRoo. Pastor Russell Lemke officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, gowned in white velvet, was attended by her sister, Bonita Gail. Bonnie wore white organza with red velvet trim. The groom was attended by Robert Leask. Ushers were Bob Halldorson and Robert DeRoo, brothers of the bride and groom.

A reception followed in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre. After a short socializing period and before sitting down to a lovely family style roast beef dinner, we were honored to have Pastor Lemke say the grace. The bride was toasted by Les Greenham who also acted as Master of Ceremonies. After the toast to the bride, the groom very capably responded. This was followed by a toast to the groom by Bob Leask. Then an evening of dancing was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was a Polonaise dance. This is a Dutch tradition whereby they honor in this manner, special people. Now, if you don't understand what a Polonaise dance is, well, its a follow the leader type of thing which ends up with the bride and groom being tossed up towards the ceiling.

Out-of-town guests attending this wedding were: Aunt Mattie Halldorson from Winnipeg; Aunt Ellen McKitrick of Calgary; Bob and Marie Halldorson and children, Karen, Dena and Bob of Saskatoon; Joe and Lana Halldorson from Winnipeg; Sig and Bea Sigurdson from Winnipeg; Louis and Lisa Safioles from Calgary; Mrs. Phyllis Einarson and Mrs. Eldyth Kaminski, both from Arborg, Man., and Mrs. Mary Cushing from Biggar, Sask.

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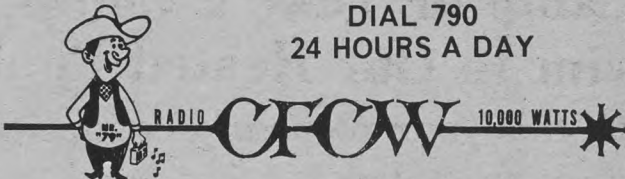
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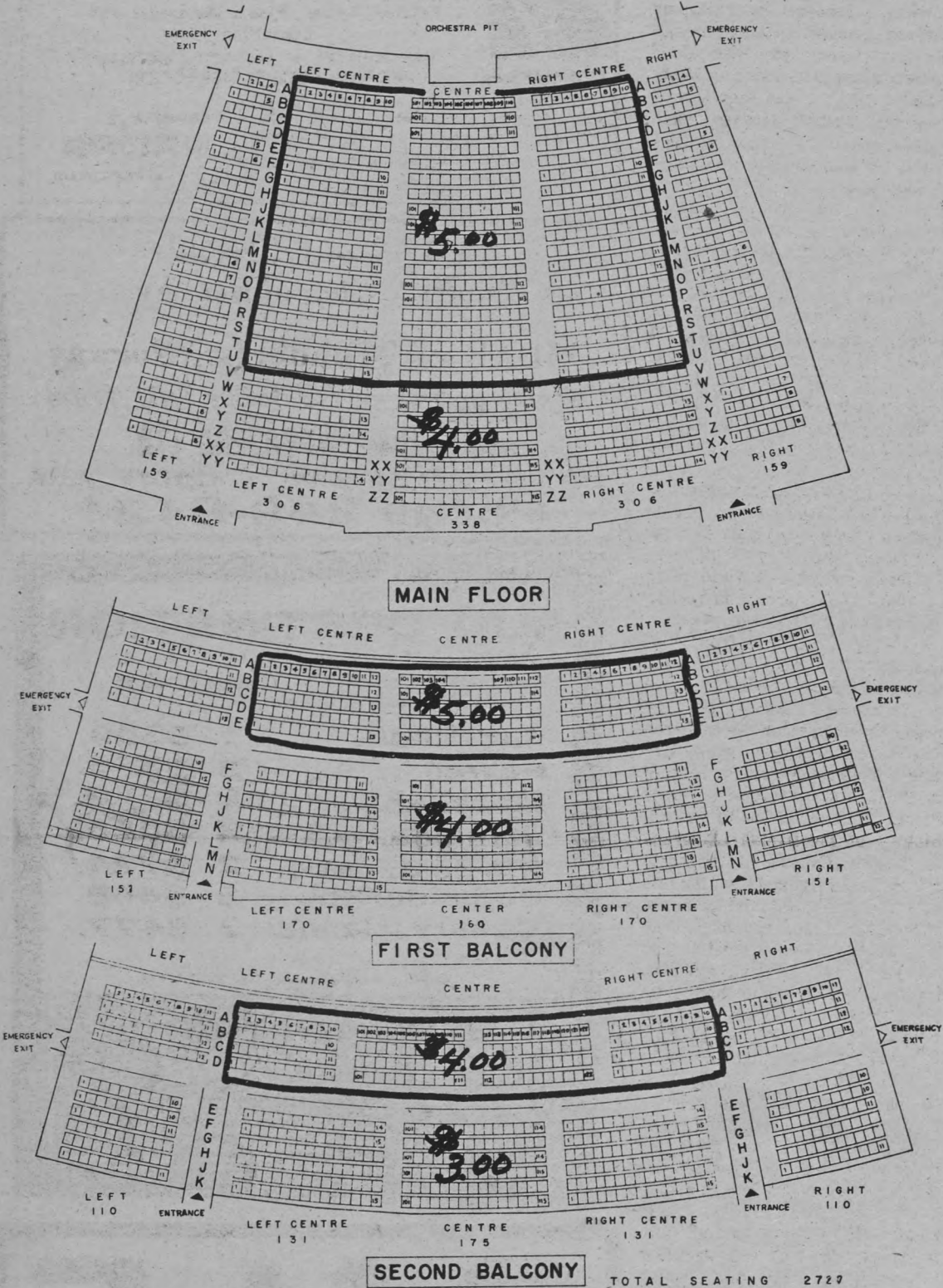
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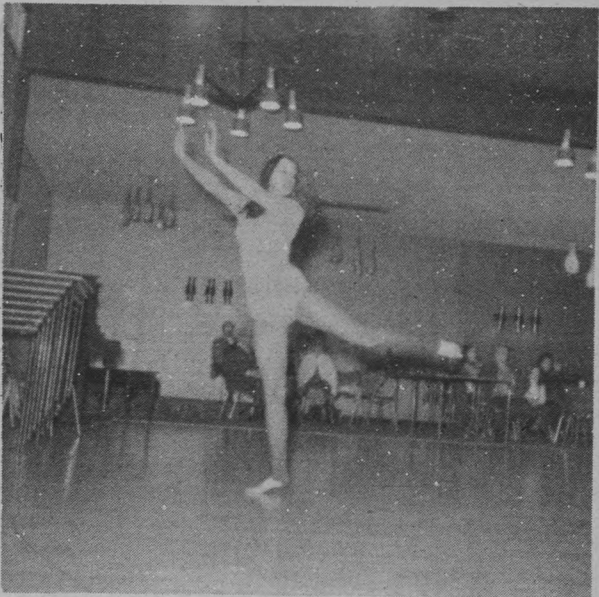
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Olaf Sveen, Irene Hovde and Edwin Erickson of the Norwegian group.

DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

DANIA'S FIFTH WHISTDRIVE will be held on Feb. 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre. Hope to see you all there.

DANIA'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL DANCE will be held on Sat., Feb. 16, at 9:00 p.m. in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Free admission to everyone dressed in a costume, otherwise admission fee will be \$2.00 per person for members and \$2.50 per person for non-members. We shall be having a Costume Contest, a membership draw for \$15.00 and a draw for two Texas Mickey's. Tickets for the two Texas Mickey's are now in circulation and can be purchased from the board members. We hope to see a lot of you come out and celebrate this special evening. Bring your friends.

BIKUBEN will meet as usual on the third Monday in the month, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at 12424 - 141 Street. Hope to see you all.

A three-pearl earring was found at the New Year's Party held on Jan. 5. The owner can contact Mr. Alfred Baumann at 479-1429.

The following letter has been forwarded by one of our members to the Board of Directors for publication under "Dania Doings": "Først en tak til bestyrelsen af Dania for den gode fest January 5, 1974. Musiken var fin, smørrebrødet var det bedste, men der var langt fra nok, saa næste aar meget mere smørrebrød tak. Jeg skriver nu mere for at lade nogle personer vide at der er stadig forskel paa mit og dit. Dania har faaet saadan nogle pæne flag til at putte paa bordene og ikke som nogle troede til at putte i deres tasker. Flagstangen var for lang til at putte i tasken en skam ikke. Jeg vil haabe at de personer der tog flagene vil læse dette brev og da returnere dem til Dania, tak." —Carl E. Petersen.

Following the New Year's Dance on Jan. 5, a number of Snaps Glasses were missing. Any help you can give us in locating these missing glasses would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

News from the Danish Church

At a congregational meeting of Ansgar Lutheran Church in December the congregation voted to extend a Call to Pastor H. Madsen of Sherwood Park to become their pastor. Pastor Madsen accepted the call and began his duties on Jan. 1, 1974.

Although Pastor Madsen was not born in Denmark he was raised in a community that was so Danish that he could barely speak English when he began public school.

In the early 1920s Pastor Madsen's parents, along with some 20 to 25 other Danish families immigrated to Canada and settled in the community of Edgewater, B.C., just four miles north of Radium Hot Springs. The little group of Danes

The Board of Directors wish to express their thanks to Mr. Poul Fisker, owner of Scandia Furniture Import Ltd., located at 10118A - 124 St., Edmonton, for the fine prizes that he donated to our January Whistdrive. We also wish to thank Mr. Erik Hass, owner of Danric Glass Products, located at 6904 - 82 Ave., Edmonton for his fine donation to our January Whistdrive. Mr. Erik Hass is specializing in leaded glass lamps, windows, etc.

The Danish Consulate in Edmonton is searching for the following three persons and would appreciate anyone knowing their whereabouts contact the Consulate:

Mr. Kjeld Fritz Krun Herlevsen, (using Kim as first name), born on April 18, ?, in Copenhagen, emigrated to Canada on April 30, 1973.

Mr. Kristian Madsen Nors, (probably using the name, Madsen) last known address: 2109 - 1 Ave., N.W., Calgary, Alta. Relatives in Herning, Denmark.

Mr. Tommy Hansen, born on March 28, 1927. Last known address as of Sept. 27, 1963, was Camrose, Alta. He has a son, Jan Hansen, born appr. in 1952. □

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in 1973. It is already serving a major role in the success of the Calgary Scandinavian Centre.

The Board of Directors had an enjoyable meeting with Sig Sorenson of Edmonton and received a lot of valuable information about their Scandinavian Centre. Mr. Sorenson was a great influence in their success at building a great Centre and we are sure that his help and information should help us in our future. His enthusiasm and also support (as he bought a share in our Centre without hesitation) is very much appreciated.

in Edgewater was stimulated in their spiritual growth by visits from Danish pastors who came periodically from Calgary and Edmonton; and for this reason Pastor Madsen's baptism is one of the early entries in the Church record books of Ansgar Lutheran in Edmonton. He was baptized in his parents' home by Pastor Max Mathiesen who served Ansgar in those early years.

In 1946 Pastor Madsen's parents, Johannes and Emmy Madsen, packed up their family of three and left their little mountain homestead for New Westminster, B.C. And therefore it was that Pastor Madsen could receive his confirmation instruction in the Danish Lutheran Church in Vancouver.

During his teen-age years Pastor Madsen apprenticed as carpenter in the Vancouver area, and followed the construction trade for some years in B.C. and Alberta. In the early 1950s he started his own construction business at Hanna, Alta., which he operated until 1957. He was married in 1956 to Helga Bovbjerg from the Danish community of Dalum, a few miles outside of Drumheller, Alta.

In 1958 the Madsens moved to Blair, Nebraska, where Pastor Madsen enrolled at Dana College to begin his studies for the Lutheran ministry. While there he took some courses in Danish as his foreign language requirement. Upon graduating from Dana College with a B.A. Degree in the spring of 1961, the Madsens moved to Saskatoon, Sask. There he began his studies in the Lutheran Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity Degree in 1964. As his Master's Thesis Pastor Madsen chose to write a History of the Danish Lutherans in Western Canada. In order to get sufficient information for this he wrote to all the Danish Lutheran congregations and had them send him all their Board meeting and congregational meeting minutes, together with any other historical information in their church records. All of these records were written in Danish in a vast variety of longhand and had to be deciphered and then translated into English. It was a task of no small proportions but did have the fringe benefits of some real insight into the struggles of the Danish people as they sought to preserve their culture and their Christian faith in this new land, plus the fact that it was a good review of the Danish language.

After Seminary graduation the Madsens accepted a Call to serve Christ Lutheran Church at Terrace, B.C. In September of 1968 the Madsens once again moved, this time to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park, where he was Pastor until moving to Ansgar.

Pastor and Mrs. Madsen will continue to live in their home in the East Whitecroft area, one mile south of Sherwood Park with their three children, Ester, Stephen, and Jeffrey, aged 16, 14 and 12 respectively.

For the convenience of the members of Ansgar congregation an office will be set up in the former parsonage, right next to the church.

Pastor Madsen reminds all Danish families in the Edmonton area that the Worship Services at Ansgar are now back on the regular schedule of 11:00 a.m., as is the Sunday School. Danish services are held on the first and the third Sunday of the month, and English Services on the second and the fourth Sundays, and he extends a warm welcome to all

to come and join in these worship Services.

Pastor Madsen is generally in his home office in the mornings where he may be contacted by phoning 467-3492, or at the Church office where the phone is 422-8777. □



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Scandinavian History and Culture Probed The Shaping of the New Canada

P. H. T. Thorlakson, M.D. LL.D. An address delivered at the Icelandic Canadian Club Annual Concert, Feb. 21, 1961.

"... Tradition must be not merely proud memories, but an incentive to the shaping of the new Canada, a summons to a high duty and a mighty task."

Lord Tweedsmuir

A knowledge of history enables us to recognize and appreciate the impact of the past upon present trends and developments. Our attitudes and decisions should, in many situations, be based on this knowledge. It will often help to clarify and explain the purpose and meaning of the issues which confront us as Canadians.

This chapter of Canadian history deals with the origin and development of the Icelandic Canadian communities viewed against the broader background of the provincial and Canadian scene. I propose to correlate the dreams and aspirations of Canadians of Icelandic descent with those of their neighbors of other national origins. This presentation records but a small fragment of a complex and lengthy process involving many different national groups whose combined contributions will eventually determine the "shape" of a new nation.

The history of Western Canada is intimately interwoven with the early trading policies of the Hudson's Bay Company, the discoveries of the first explorers and voyageurs from Quebec, the tremendous encouragement to immigration by the completion of the trans-continental Canadian Pacific Railway, the law and order enforced by the North-West Mounted Police and the influence of the Christian Churches that served these territories. The story records the transformation of these western plains from vast grazing grounds for millions of buffaloes and a fabulous fur-trading territory to a rapidly expanding industrial, agricultural, mineral, and a rich oil producing area. This change was accomplished initially by the enterprise and vision of the pioneers and later by the investment of outside capital in our natural resources. In the course of time, this development was supported by the influx of many thousand settlers of many nationalities converging at Winnipeg and then dispersing to the west, north and south in search of land, security, freedom, and fortune. We are chiefly concerned here with some of the divergent human forces that have been at work in the process of blending and welding together the pattern, the form and the structure of a new nation.

EARLY HISTORY

On May 2, 1670, King Charles II of England signed a Royal Charter granting to "the Company of Adventurers of England trading into the Hudson's Bay" exclusive rights to all the territories adjacent thereto. The King's cousin, Prince Rupert, was the Company's first Governor, and the land was called Rupert's Land.

The first white man to travel overland from the north into the area now known as Western Canada was Henry Kelsey who, in 1690, was sent inland from York Factory by the Hudson's Bay Company to extend their fur trade with the Indians of this area. He travelled as far south as The Pas in Northern Manitoba.

La Verendrye, that intrepid

explorer and fur-trader from the East, came with his party to the "Forks" of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in 1734. They built "Fort Rouge" and later in their westward travels may have sighted the Rocky Mountains.

Approximately 75 years later, in 1811, Thomas Douglas (1771 to 1820), the fifth Earl of Selkirk, purchased a controlling interest in the Hudson's Bay Company. He at once set about to colonize the Red River Valley. The Company granted him 116,000 square miles of territory which included parts of present Manitoba, Minnesota and North Dakota. The first Scottish settlers left Stornoway, Scotland, on July 11, 1811, and arrived at York Factory on the Hudson's Bay on Sept. 24, too late to risk the southward overland journey of 700 miles through the wilderness. After wintering on a site on the Nelson River, the party set out for the Red River, on July 6, 1812, reaching their destination 51 days later, on Aug. 30. The site which they chose for their first buildings is now known as Point Douglas. This was the first of the three original "Selkirk" groups who made the hazardous journey across the north Atlantic into the Hudson's Bay and then overland to the Red River settlement.

Eventually the flag of the Hudson's Bay Company floated over one-fourth of the North American continent and, by virtue of its Royal Charter, the company enjoyed a complete monopoly of trade, property and Government.

In 1869 the Canadian Government purchased the territories granted to the Hudson's Bay Company for 300,000 Pounds. On July 15, 1870, the Parliament of Canada formed a part of the territories, so granted, into a province, which became the fifth Province of Canada.

Addressing the Parliament of Canada in May 1870 on the Manitoba Act, the Honourable George Cartier, later Sir George Cartier, said: "The name of the new Province will be Manitoba, a very euphonious (Indian) word meaning 'the God that speaks'. Well, let Canada's latest addition always speak to the inhabitants of the North-West the language of reason, truth and justice."

The original Province was as shown in the sketch. The western boundary was Meridian 90° West (which runs approximately through Gladstone) and the north boundary was Latitude 50° 30' (which runs approximately through Winnipeg Beach). In 1881 the boundary was extended west to the present boundary (between ranges 29 and 30, west 1st) and north to the north boundary of township 44 (which runs about 12 miles north of Mafeking). In 1912 the present Manitoba boundaries were formed.

The population of the Province of Manitoba in 1870 numbered in all 11,000 people including the Indians. Winnipeg was the capital and centre of trade and commerce with a population of 215.

There was no easy means of access to the outside world in this pioneering community. The Red and Assiniboine Rivers and Lake Winnipeg with its other tributaries constituted the main arteries of travel. Transportation was by canoe, York boats or small steamers. Steamers travelled on the Assiniboine

River, at high water, as far west as Fort Ellice at the junction of the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle Rivers, now St. Lazare in western Manitoba. Otherwise the chief method of transportation across the plains and to the south was overland by horseback or by caravans of Red River carts drawn by oxen.

ARRIVAL OF THE ICELANDIC SETTLERS

This was the situation in Manitoba when Lord Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada from 1872 to 1878, first urged the Canadian Government to send emissaries to Iceland to encourage some of its people to come to Canada. On earlier visits to Iceland he had made many friends and was familiar with the history of the country and its literature. He had published a book in 1857 entitled "Letters from High Latitudes" in which he dealt with his impressions and experiences on these voyages to the north.

During the previous forty years the people of Iceland, and especially those in the northern districts, had suffered great privations and hardships due to a combination of factors. Polar packice had remained in the fjords of the north for much of the summer months, preventing the fishermen from going out to sea. The weather was unusually cold. Grass and hay were scarce so that sheep died in great numbers and their wool was of poor quality. During this period there were repeated volcanic eruptions in the north which covered great areas with molten lava. The trade of the country was controlled by Danish monopolies which further served to restrict and depress the economy of the nation. For these reasons, the stories of free land and great opportunities in the New World fell on receptive ears. Many families decided to emigrate.

It was in 1874 that 365 Icelandic settlers came to Ontario. In 1875, 285 of this small group of hardy pioneers including some from Wisconsin, moved from Ontario to the west shore of Lake Winnipeg via Duluth and overland to Fisher Landing in Minnesota, then northward on the Red River to Winnipeg on the stern-wheeler "International". The last lap of their journey to Lake Winnipeg was by open York Boats. Gimli, just north of Boundary Creek, became the "capital" of New Iceland which included Riverton, Arborg and Hecla Island.

"New Iceland", situated north of the Province of Manitoba of that time, remained until 1881 "a self-governing republic under a constitution granted because of the almost complete absence of administration in the Territory of Keewatin."

Lord Dufferin visited Gimli on September 14, 1877. In his address to the people of the settlement, he said:

"No race has a better right to come amongst us than yourselves, for it is probably to the hardihood of the Icelandic navigators that the world is entitled to the discovery of this continent. Had not Columbus visited your island (Iceland) and discovered in your records a practical and absolute confirmation of his own brilliant speculations in regard to the existence of a western land, it is possible he might never have had the enterprise to tempt
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energy, fortitude, perseverance, and stubborn endurance have ever been the characteristics of the noble Icelandic race."

Earlier in his address Lord Dufferin made this significant observation:

"I have not entered a single hut or cottage in the settlement which did not contain, no matter how bare its walls, or scanty its furniture, a library of twenty or thirty volumes; and I am informed that there is scarcely a child amongst you who cannot read or write."

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